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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements that were previously filed on April 6, 2009 and April 28, 2006, Applicants hereby bring to the attention of the Examiner a Japanese Office Action (Notification of Reasons for Refusal) dated August 25, 2009 with respect to patent family member Japanese Patent Application No.2004-011954, in which the following documents were cited:

- (1) JP 2000-37390 A, which is being submitted with an English language
Abstract thereof;
- (2) JP 4-144533 A, which is being submitted with an English language
Abstract thereof;

- (3) JP 2002-531204 A, which is being submitted with an English language Abstract thereof, and patent family members US 2001/0014805 A1 and US 6602251 B2 ;
- (4) JP 2000-37348 A, which is being submitted with an English language Abstract thereof;
- (5) JP 2000-166936 A; and
- (6) JP 8-322787 A, which is being submitted with an English language Abstract thereof.

Applicants note that above-noted document (5) was previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on April 6, 2009, and thus, a copy of the document is not enclosed herewith.

The relevance of these documents, as ascertained with respect to the Japanese claims by the Japanese Examiner, is set forth in the Japanese Office Action.


Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), copies of the U.S. patent publications are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents (except for document (5)), including the noted English language Abstracts, are attached hereto, and are listed on an attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of the Japanese Office Action, including an English language translation thereof, is also attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form, and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicants note that this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted subsequent to the issuance of a Non-Final Office Action on the merits, but before the issuance of a Final Office Action on the merits. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d), Applicants hereby certify that each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from an foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement. Thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,
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